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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,294)

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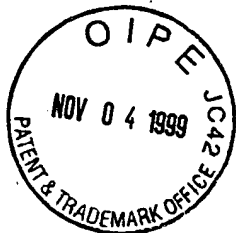
In the Application of:

Brent Townshend

Serial No. 09/311,617

Filed: May 13, 1999

For: Automated Language Assessment  
Using Speech Recognition Modeling



Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 2471

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three month extension of time to and including November 3, 1999 to respond to Official Action dated June 3, 1999. A check in the amount of \$435.00 to cover the cost of the three month extension is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

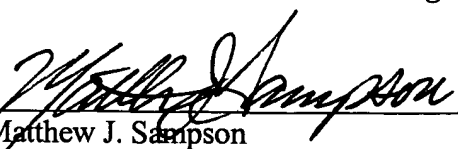
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